

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The action by the Examiner of this application, has been given careful consideration. Following such consideration, claim 14 has been amended, and claims 20 and 21 have been added. Claims 1-13 and 15-19 are unchanged by the present amendment paper. This amendment is presented according to "Revised Amendment Practice" (37 C.F.R. 1.121), effective July 30, 2003. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner reconsider the claims in their present form, together with the following comments, and allow the application.

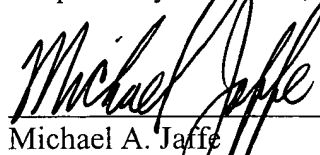
The Examiner has imposed a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. 121 and 372. Therefore, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.499 applicant elects, without traverse, all of the claims that presently read on the invention identified as Group I by the Examiner. The claims that read on the elected invention are: claims 1-13, 18 and 19; claims 14-17 which have been newly amended to depend from claim 18; new claim 20 that depends from claim 18; and new claim 21 that depends from claim 19.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in proper condition for further examination. If the Examiner believes there are any further matters that need to be discussed in order to expedite the prosecution of the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

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Respectfully submitted,



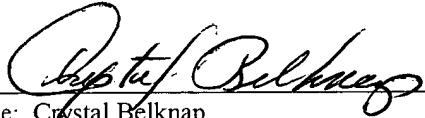
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